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NEW S'HAI DRAMA DEVELOPING

Western Powers' Condition For A New Germany

Paris, May 25.—The three Western Foreign Ministers at today's four-hour meeting demanded the political unification of Germany as a condition for economic unity in the Reich, according to French sources.

AMAZING HIGH SEAS EPISODE

Haifa, May 25.—Seven young Jews are feared lost after a high seas drama in which the captain of an Israel-bound schooner drew a gun and forced his 30 immigrant passengers to strip and jump into the water.

An official police statement, describing the incident tonight, said that 23 had been saved after being in the water for 48 hours.

In the middle of the trip, for which each Jew had paid him \$200—the captain said that he could not continue as he had no landing papers. He told the men that they would have to jump into the water and make for Israel as best they could.

He threw in the sea about 30 wooden barrels tied together to make a raft and one small boat holding five.

At first the Jews refused to jump. The captain and his crew of five drew their guns. The Jews begged the captain to wait until nightfall and then try and approach the coast. But the captain forced them into the water.

The boat meant for five was jolted with 17 persons. The other 13 were on the barrels.

Soon the barrels broke loose and only six—with men hanging on desperately—were made fast to the boat.

When the boat was seen from the coast Israeli marine police arrived on the scene, took the survivors ashore, and went in search of the seven men and barrels, which had floated off.

The police statement did not say whether the seven were saved.—Reuter.

The British, American and French Ministers took this stand in replying to the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Vyshinsky's reiterated denunciation of the current trizonal organisation.

Mr Vyshinsky insisted upon a re-establishment of the four-power Allied Control Council which has not been functioning for almost a year. The West maintained that it was rendered useless by Soviet veto.

Why not make one more attempt, said Mr Vyshinsky as quoted by American sources who attended the Ministers' meeting to re-establish the Allied Control Council if the three power council has been such a success?

He was referring to replies given on Tuesday by Western Ministers that the Postdam accord which first set up the Allied control today had been disastrous for Germany.

Mr Vyshinsky challenged the statement from the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, that the new West German state is a Democratic regime.

The Soviet Minister said that the suggestion to extend the Bonn constitution to all Germany was simply an attempt on the part of the Western Powers to take over all Germany.—Associated Press.

WALK OFF SHIP

Singapore, May 25.—Malay seamen walked off the Cable & Wireless Company's cableship retriever after a wages dispute today, thus delaying their departure to repair a cable between the Far East and Britain.

The ship had had an important call to mend the main Penang-Colombo undersea cable.

Lisbon, May 25.—Two persons were killed today when a Portuguese military plane crashed at Golega. One was killed on the spot and the other died later of injuries.—Reuter.

Tank Troops Coming Soon

London, May 25.—The first British tank troops ever to serve in China will leave for Hongkong in the trooper Dilwara on Wednesday.

They are men of B Squadron, Third Royal Tank Regiment, now at Bovington Camp.

Contingents of Britain's 27th Anti-Aircraft Regiment, 27th Infantry Brigade to reinforce the Hongkong garrison next month, the War Office announced today.—Reuter.

Commons Still Asking About Hongkong

London, May 25.—Mr Leonard Gammans, Conservative, asked in Parliament today whether there was any suspicion that the murder of two police inspectors in Hongkong on May 6 was Communist-inspired.

"Is this the beginning of something such as happened in Malaya about a year ago?" he asked.

The Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr David Rees-Wiliams, replied: "I am informed that there is no evidence of that. It was a bandit raid and had no political significance."

Asked what was being done to provide temporary airstrips in Hongkong or the New Territories, Mr Geoffrey de Freitas, Under-Secretary of State for Air, said the Air Commander-in-Chief, Far East, had reported that the airfield facilities were adequate for the aircraft at present based there.

When Mr Gammans asked if the Minister was satisfied that more modern aircraft than those already sent could land on the present airfield Mr de Freitas said that it would not be in the national interest to indicate any further steps which might be taken to strengthen the air defences.—Reuter.

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EDITORIAL

Now Comes The Big Test

THE Inevitable has happened, and Shanghai, richest prize in all China, has now fallen under the domination of the Chinese Communists. If the climax was longer in being reached than many expected, few were misled by the propaganda pronouncements that Shanghai's defences were even more impregnable than those of Stalingrad, and that the city would be defended "to the bitter end." It is reasonably fair to believe that the much-vaunted sanguinary battles for the outer defences of Shanghai were in reality but token engagements and rear-guard actions to permit the withdrawal of the bulk of the Nationalist forces to their only remaining escape route. The Nationalists adroitly built up a facade of resistance designed to fulfil the dual purpose of saving "face" and permitting the city to be taken over peacefully. In this respect they achieved, at least partial, success. But Shanghai's difficulties have not disappeared with the arrival of the Communists: on the contrary some problems assume new complications. One of the biggest tasks confronting the Reds is the feeding of Shanghai's millions; another is to maintain light and power services. Food will be the Communists' principal preoccupation. Six shiploads of ECA rice were scheduled to be delivered to Shanghai, but three of them have already been diverted to Taiwan and the others remain for the time being in Hongkong. The loss of this precious stable food commodity adds grave administrative burdens to the Reds in Shanghai, for if the masses are denied of their rice, they are going to be difficult to control. And whether ECA is prepared to permit its rice and

other goods to enter Communist-controlled territory is a question that has no immediate answer. Likewise, the Communist bosses of Shanghai will be needing oil and coal to maintain essential services, and wherever, hitherto, these have been provided under ECA assistance, they are not likely to be any longer available. In seizing Shanghai, the Communists have brought themselves face to face with the biggest test of their administrative ability since they first began extending their influence beyond the countryside. Shanghai, the fourth largest city in the world, demands a highly skilled administration if it is to survive as the main gateway to China's vast interior. At the best of times the task of a new government assuming office would be stupendous: with the present chaotic economic, financial and industrial condition of Shanghai, a legacy of the corrupt and inept Nationalist administration—the burden is sufficient to cool the enthusiasm of the most ardent Communist. It is conceivable that the administrative problems which will confront the Communists in Shanghai, and the urgency of their solution, may bring a halt at least temporarily, to their military activities. Little, or nothing, has been heard during the past few days of the southward drive, and one explanation may be that the Communists have decided to establish themselves thoroughly and successfully in Shanghai before confirming the military conquest of southern China. From the military viewpoint, they have already achieved their most important objective, and they may find it wise now to pause and consolidate that which they have won.

Thousands of Shanghai citizens watched the fighting from rooftops.

Many Nationalist troops were

caught by the swift advance of

Communist troops into the

centre of Shanghai.

A few escaped over the Soochow bridge, but the bulk were

trapped in the city.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



20,000th D.P.—Little Janina Vaitkevicius, holding her seven-month-old brother on their arrival in New York, was the 20,000th DP to enter America under the Displaced Persons Act of 1948. The children were born in Germany of Lithuanian parents.



FATAL—Two army men, left, describe to a State Policeman how a bus in which they were riding collided with a car near Atlanta, Georgia. The body of Napoleon Fuller, 27, driver of the car, lies beside the wreck. Fuller's wife, Ethel, 25, was also killed, and 12 soldiers were injured. Police say Fuller lost control of his car and it crashed head-on into the bus.



READY TO DIVE—David Curtis, 13, prepares to try a dive at the Naval dry-docks in San Francisco, California. He wrote to the mayors of the English towns, Penzance and Falmouth, that he planned to search for sunken treasure in that area.



MEXICAN MODELS—Landing at LaGuardia Field, New York, are Henrietta Rello, left, and Toni Rello, models from Mexico. They came to New York to be in a fashion show staged as part of a Mexican fiesta.



GOING OVERBOARD—Oliver, Lord Mayor of Monkey Town at the Overton Park Zoo in Memphis, Tennessee, tests the temperature of the water on a hot day. If it meets with his approval, His Honour may decide it is suitable for the tender monkey skins of his compatriots, and officially open their swimming pool.



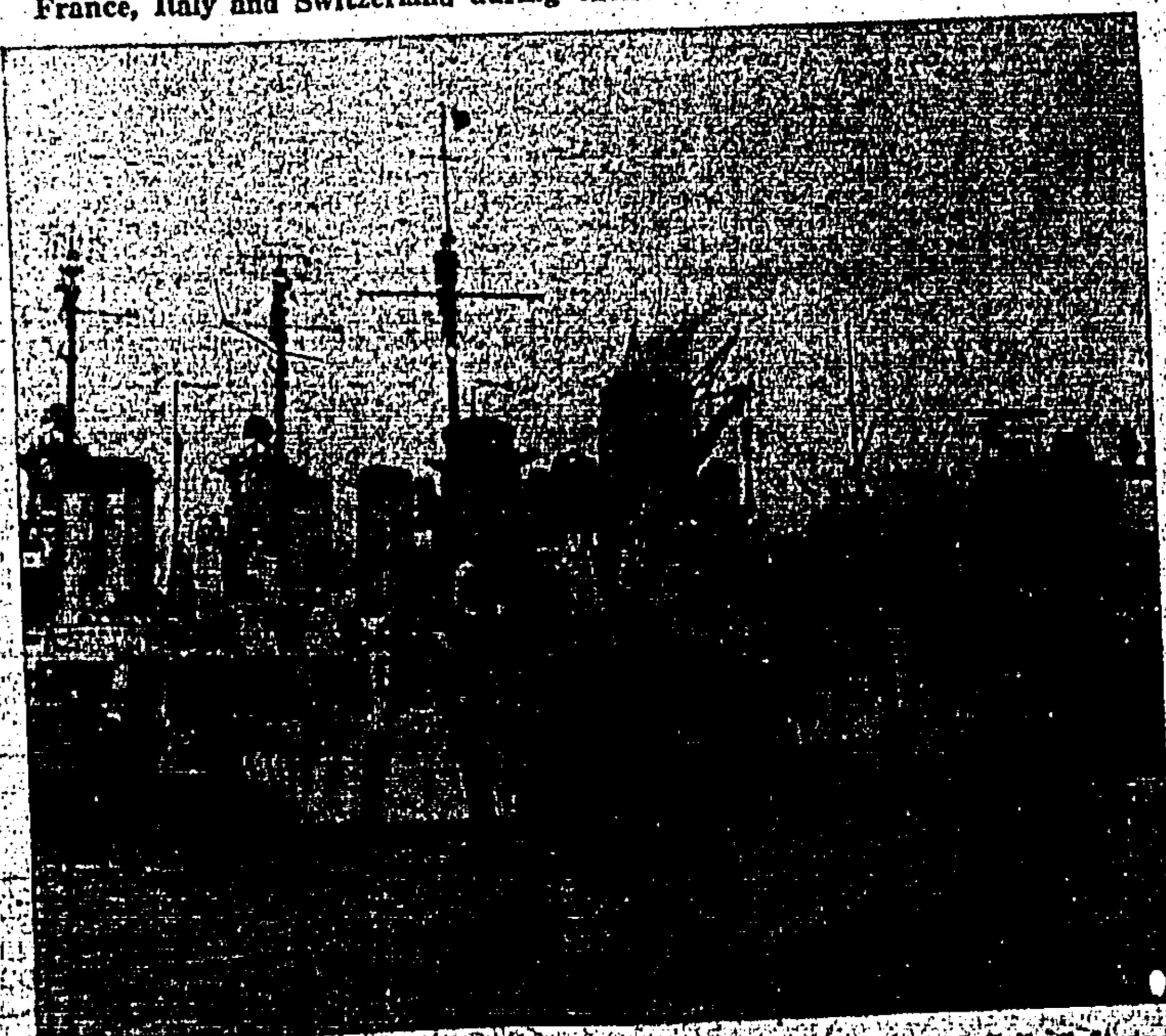
VISITORS—On their way to Europe are the orchestra leader Andre Kostelanetz and his wife, the singer Lily Pons. They sailed on the Queen Mary and, with their three Tibetan terriers shown above, expect to visit France, Italy and Switzerland during their visit.



DIFFERENT—Seeking to relieve the sombre black of an evening gown, a Hollywood designer came up with this idea. The silver sequins have been "appliqued" to the model's skin and are not attached to the gown.



JET PRODUCTION—The powerful Turbo-Wasp jet engine takes shape on the assembly floor of an East Hartford, Connecticut, plant. This powerful engine, which develops a total of almost 9,000 horsepower at 650 miles an hour, was originally designed by Rolls-Royce, Ltd., in England.



TAKING OVER US DESTROYERS—The American destroyers McCall, left, and Buchanan were turned over to the Turkish Government at Istanbul under the US aid programme. The Turkish ships are now renamed on the basis which will remain the Giresun and the Gelibolu.

JOAN BLONDELL,
glamorous star says,
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the perfect pink."

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London Express Service

MAO UNLIKELY TO BE A CHINESE TITO

Stromboli.
LEADERS of China's Communists intend to follow orthodox Communist policy. They are aware of Western hopes or expectations that China will produce "devotionism" of the Tito variety, but they are guarding against this.

That, at least, is the impression gained from Chinese Communists who came to Prague for the "overflow" peace congress in April.

Security police guarded the delegation closely.

To Western journalists, they were practically unapproachable.

A number of representatives of Western newspapers and news agencies who did contrive to speak briefly to the Chinese were warned off by attendant delegates.

But some information about the delegation became available from other sources and one member of the delegation made a policy statement to Czech Communist reporters.

All the information available from various sources indicated that the Cominform's policy for "people's democracies" is to be attempted by the Communists in China.

It was at first believed here that the Chinese delegation was made up almost wholly of Chinese recruited for the purpose in Moscow. But Western journalists here now believe that this report may have been a story started to divert attention from the Soviet Government's willingness to allow Chinese Communists to reach the outside world over Russian territory.

Politically, he insisted that the Chinese Communists "would learn from the experience of the Soviet Union."

All orthodox Communists in the European people's democracies frequently acknowledge that all wisdom and practice derives from "the experience of the Soviet Union."

Professor Tsien stated that the new China would be "people's democracy working towards socialism."

Czechoslovak Communists have been using the same formula this past year to describe their own situation.

The theory as described here is that the proletariat, under the leadership of the Communist party, following the precepts of Marx, Lenin and Stalin, and benefiting by the experience of the Communist Party (Bolshevik) of Moscow, first of all defeats "the reaction", then establishes a dictatorship, and organizes a people's democracy.

She said that Moscow did not wish to acknowledge that this route was available at a time when Soviet policy towards the Kuomintang Government was "correct".

After the Prague congress had ended, it was learned here that a number of the Chinese delegation had in fact reached Prague through Russia, travelling from Chinese Communists headquarters. One member of the delegation had quite recently taken part in Communists-Nationalist negotiations in China.

A people's democracy is only the first stage of development towards Communism. The second stage is socialism in which the State owns and controls everything. The Soviet Union is now regarded as having reached this stage.

BY SYDNEY BROOKES

although it was possible that disorganized pockets would survive after that date.

He said that one of the "hopes of the reactionaries" was that the Communists in China would not be able to organize its administration.

But their capabilities, he claimed, had already been proved in Manchuria, Peking and Tientsin. They were able not only to conquer but to reconstruct speedily.

Immediate planning provided for the early establishment of a Nationalist Consultative Body which would decide on setting up a central government to be led "by the working class of China and by the Communist Party."

Other "democratic parties and organisations" would be included in this government. There would be provincial governments and national minorities would have self-government.

The last stage is Communism in which the State theoretically "withers away," the classic society is developed, and the brotherhood of man is achieved.

China is, therefore, still at a very early stage. She still has to organise her "people's democratic" form of Government.

If she follows the normal pattern, China will have Communist control in every walk of life. But she may have a government form permitting the inclusion of other parties in a "popular front" or "fatherland front" or "national front".

These other parties will give political scope to non-Communists, as long as they agree, fully, with everything the Communists do.

One of the early tasks of any people's democratic government is to extend industrialisation. Lenin and Stalin have taught that Communist parties can only fully rely upon an industrial proletariat.

Peasants can be allied to an industrial proletariat, but the possession of land is always a potential danger. It gives birth to capitalism.

In Eastern and Central Europe, the development of agriculture into "socialistic farms" is one of the most pressing problems for Communism. The Cominform letters of last year revealed how much importance the Communists attach to "correct policy" on this question.

The denunciation of Marshal Tito included many references to mistakes he was alleged to have made in dealing with the Yugoslav peasants.

Chinese Communists, it appears, have been well schooled on this point. Professor Tsien said that their first task in China "was to transform it into an industrialised country. In all this we shall learn from the experiences of the Soviet Union."

In the Soviet Union, the land was nationalised before the organisational forms had been prepared to deal with it. Stated policy for other countries is that they should work through the progressive organisational forms for agriculture until the time is ripe for nationalisation.

Professor Tsien was optimistic about the possibility of securing peace in China — by eliminating the Nationalists within a short period.

He said that the Kuomintang armies would be destroyed within six or twelve months

— By SCHLOMO BEN CHAIM —

the man who was Sydney Stanley before he arrived in Tel Aviv — has said that he is willing to be sent by the Israel Government to break stones...

HE has made the offer knowing that Israel wants 100,000 families working on the soil in the next five years, that

he will have to prove that he is worth sending to one of more than 400 settlements in the new State...

HE knows that even though one in every 30 of the 160,000 new immigrants have gone into agriculture for a living, the work might be too much for his 47 years.

HE will need six months to 12 months' training if he is sent into the rocky, barren lands where the new settlers are taking shape...

PIONEER

HE will live in a hut on the outskirts of a kibbutz (a settlement where about 100 families live a communal life), a moshav (where settlers keep to private farming), or the latest kind of settlement, a moshav shifut (where living arrangements are private but all work is shared).

HE might choose a kibbutz — since he is not a zealous Zionist pioneer — where he will work all day under a scorching sun for no money, along with former doctors, barristers, and other professional men who believe that only in this way can Israel be self-supporting...

HE will learn the hard way to make a living in company with about 40 other newcomers who are housed in each wooden prefabricated hut...

— (London Express Service)

IF SYDNEY STANLEY HAS TO BREAK STONES

Ingrid Is Tired Of It All

By EVELYN IRONS

Stromboli
Up a ladder propped

against the pink wall of a square, flat-roofed villa runs a nimble Italian with a bucket of water. He empties the bucket into a cistern on the roof and runs down for more. We are on the remote volcanic island of Stromboli, and film star Ingrid Bergman is having a shower.

So primitive is the way of living here that no house on the island except the priest's has running water. The makeshift bathroom, the only one on the island, was added to the pink villa so that Ingrid need not do as the rest of us — clangle a pail down the well and tip it over

His fiancee, jealous of his film embraces with Ingrid, rushed from Salerno to the island Easter to see what was going on. "But now tutto è calmo (all is quiet)," he told me.

Most of the cast are cleverly picked local "types" and Rossellini, who talks to the camera crew in a mixture of Italian and English, and to Ingrid in English helped out by French directs them in their own dialect.

Outside, near a rough stone wall where lizards darted and flickered in the burning sun, Ingrid, rolling up her trousers to get her legs tanned, sat on a camp chair and talked to me between shots.

The sun and the hot breeze have turned Ingrid's skin to a warm apricot. But she looked tired and worried.

I asked her whether she issued a signed statement countering the headlines stories in the Italian Press about herself and Roberto Rossellini, under whose direction she is making a new film there.

The statement followed a three-day conference with her husband, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, who came from Hollywood to meet her at Massa, Italy; and it said that after work on the picture ended she would meet her husband either in Sweden or the U.S.A.

MARIO
Has his real-life troubles, too.

MARIO
I am going back to Hollywood when this picture is finished and I plan to visit Paris and, if possible, London on the way, probably in July.

I would like to make a British picture, and even more I would like a stamp, and I believe international exchange of actors is good for pictures. There is no question of my staying in Italy.

"I am bored with the place," she said, tipping her dark glasses on to her nose.

No newspapers, no telephone, no electricity. No radio. No horses — not even a donkey. No bicycles. Nothing on wheels at all.

"I prefer places where something happens," she said.

— (London Express Service)

IF SYDNEY STANLEY HAS TO BREAK STONES

— By JAMES BARTLETT

HE will find that his wife (when she returns from tilling the soil or working in the vineyard) will probably complain that she doesn't like life in a kibbutz — for most of the complaints about this kind of communal living in Israel have come from the women.

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HE might decide — after his year's apprenticeship — that a place of his own in a moshav shifut might be best — then he can apply for a Government grant of just over half an acre of ground to build his hut (bare walls, bed, couple of tables, few chairs, meagre cooking utensils and eating equipment).

HE then might get a Government bag of seeds, 500g of seed potatoes, a few hundred plants, a £50 loan, and one milk goat.

HE might have to work about all this and stay in Tel Aviv, where he will never grow corns on his manure. Park Lane hands.

— (London Express Service)

NANCY Flare Layer

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WHITE KING

Malayan Terrorist Strength Cut By Half: MacDonald

IMPROVEMENT DUE TO FIRM ACTION BY GOVT.

London, May 25.—Mr Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner General in South-East Asia, told reporters here today that the Communist terrorist strength in Malaya had so declined that it was powerless than half its peak figure of last November.

Mr MacDonald said that the improvement in Malaya was due to two main factors: (1) Firm Government action and successful action by police, troops and the Royal Air Force against armed terrorist bands; (2) The fact that the Communists had received no support from the people of Malaya as a whole.

He described the latter as an overwhelming and decisive reason for the Communist failure.

"The people of Malaya have overwhelmingly supported the Government from the beginning," Mr MacDonald declared. "He said that since the violent campaign began last June security forces had killed or captured 1,001 terrorists up to the end of April. Of these 955 were Chinese, 24 Malays, eight Indonesians, seven Indians and two Siamese.

Over 95 percent were Chinese not born in Malaya, having come in at any time during the past 25 years.

"The Communist terrorist attack has been much more against the Chinese than against the British or anybody else," said Mr MacDonald.

Out of 397 civilians killed, 209 were Chinese. They included a village school-master, shopkeepers, local labour and trade unions' leaders who were anti-Communist and were in the way of the terrorist campaign.

LESS THAN 3,000

Mr MacDonald said it was confidently estimated that the terrorist strength was now less than 3,000 armed men. If these 3,000 were in an open agricultural country, they could be rounded up in no time, but in a country largely of thick jungle, they could sustain a desperate defensive resistance for a long time. That was the whole problem.

"We must expect that for months to come there will be individual murders and other incidents," he added.

Mr MacDonald said, "The Communist Party in London and their friends say that there has been terrible repression of trade unionism and that sort of thing. It is absolutely untrue."

In Malaya leaders of the trade unions sat in the Legislature and made whatever speeches they wished to make. They had constantly given stout and courageous support to the Government.

Mr MacDonald, who is in Britain on one of his half-yearly visits for consultation with the Government, said that about two months ago there was a rerudescence of concern and even alarm in the United Kingdom because some people felt the situation in Malaya was getting worse instead of better.

That was not the position. There had been an absolutely steady, slow but gradual improvement right from December to May. The main forces of the terrorists were now retreating deeper and deeper in the hope of avoiding battle. Their main forces were leaving behind them smaller forces to continue acts of terrorism, murder and sabotage so as to try to keep something going.

MILITARY SUCCESS

He regarded it as significant that it was in December, just after the peak period of terrorist strength, that the training of the police and army reinforcements from overseas was completed.

"At the beginning of December our troops were ready for offensive action in the jungles and in the territory neighbouring the jungles and the success which has come to us since then is a military success scored by fully trained police and fully trained troops led by the Air Force," he said.

He added that there were Malayan volunteers in thousands for the Army and the police force and in tens of thousands for the special constabulary and the village guards. At times they had far more Malayan volunteers than were recruited for these security forces. "All the emergency legislation in Malaya had been passed and passed unanimously—by the Legislature with their Unofficial majority."

From the beginning there had been no press censorship, only a voluntary censorship. The press had been free to go with police or troops on any operation.

They wrote their own stories voluntarily leaving out military information which might be useful to the enemy at a later stage.

But if a newsman wanted to write that kind of thing he did. It was a purely voluntary arrangement. "They had never indulged in anything like official compulsion," censorship.

UNIONS FREE

Trade unions had also been completely free to continue their activities.

Anticipating a continuance of terrorist resistance for some time to come, the Government has decided to make Malaya a free state, with complete freedom of association.

Registration Scheme For Hongkong

The Telegraph learns reliably that the Hongkong Government intends to introduce a registration scheme as soon as administrative machinery is available.

To begin with the scheme will be voluntary, and Government servants will be the first affected. Next to be included will be the employees of big commercial firms in the Colony. There is a strong possibility that registration will ultimately be compulsory for the whole population, both foreign and Chinese.

Primarily a security measure, the scheme will also enable Government to assess the Colony's food requirements.

Hangs By Legs From Plane

RAF Navigator's Bravery

Kuala Lumpur, May 25.—A Royal Air Force navigator described today how he hung head downwards from his plane for 15 minutes at 3,000 feet with his crew hanging on to his legs, while he cut free a supply parachute trapped in the aircraft door.

Flight-Lieutenant J. R. Shrine, of Winchester, Hampshire, was navigator of a Dakota of a squadron operating from here to drop supplies to security forces in North Malaya.

A 150-lb pack of rations fouled the rear door and was left swinging under the aircraft, making it hard to control.

Shrine lowered out of the plane cut the pack loose with a sheath knife. —Reuter.

New Shanghai Drama

(Continued from Page 1)

He added that most of the British-licensed vessels used by the Chinese Government military authorities in the last few days had been small but that they had been flying the Red Ensign when under the command of Chinese Government Army chiefs.

He added that reports so far reaching London indicate that British property in Shanghai was relatively undamaged in the Communist advance into Shanghai during the past 30 days. —Reuter.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Shanghai, May 25.—The American-owned Shanghai Evening Post, in a front page editorial, wrote today: "Liberation" is the term employed by China's Communists for what has happened to Shanghai overnight. That is a good word and no one hopes more that the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury that it will remain precisely what it says.

"Shanghai is essentially non-political. It is a great trading and industrial city. What it hopes is that true "liberation" now comes. If this proves to be the case Shanghai can provide tremendous resources in starting the whole of China back on the road to prosperity."

Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



Dad, there must be some other way to become a successful man, besides being able to work algebra problems—how did you do it?

No Home Wedding For Prince Aly

Paris, May 25.—The French Ministry of Justice has refused Prince Aly Khan's request for his marriage to Miss Rita Hayworth to take place privately in his home, the Chateau de Cherbion, at Vallauris, Golfe Juan, the Agence France Press reported.

The wedding will take place publicly at Vallauris' village hall, the agency said. —Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

11.30 A.M. Programming Summary: 6.01 "Song of Childhood" by Armstrong Sun; 6.10 "Midnight Sun" (BBC) with Philip Green and His Orchestra; 6.20 "The Swan Lake" (BBC) with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra; 7.00 "Down Beat Discs" Presented by Paul Sturz (Studio); 7.20 "The Story of the World" (Studio); 8.00 "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay); 8.10 "T.H.H. Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh" from the Throne Room of Belfast. A description by Wynford Vaughan-Thomas; 8.45 "Under the World" (London Relay); 9.15 "World Theatre" by William Shakespeare; "Othello" Adapted for Radio by Sir Cedric Balle; "The New Symphony Orchestra" (London Relay); "Thursday Parades"; A Program of Continuous News Broadcasts from London; 10.00 "The World's News" (London Relay); 10.15 "World News" (London Relay); 10.30 "China News" (London Relay); 10.45 "The World's News" (London Relay); 11.00 "World News" (London Relay); 11.15 "World News" (London Relay); 11.30 "China News" (London Relay).



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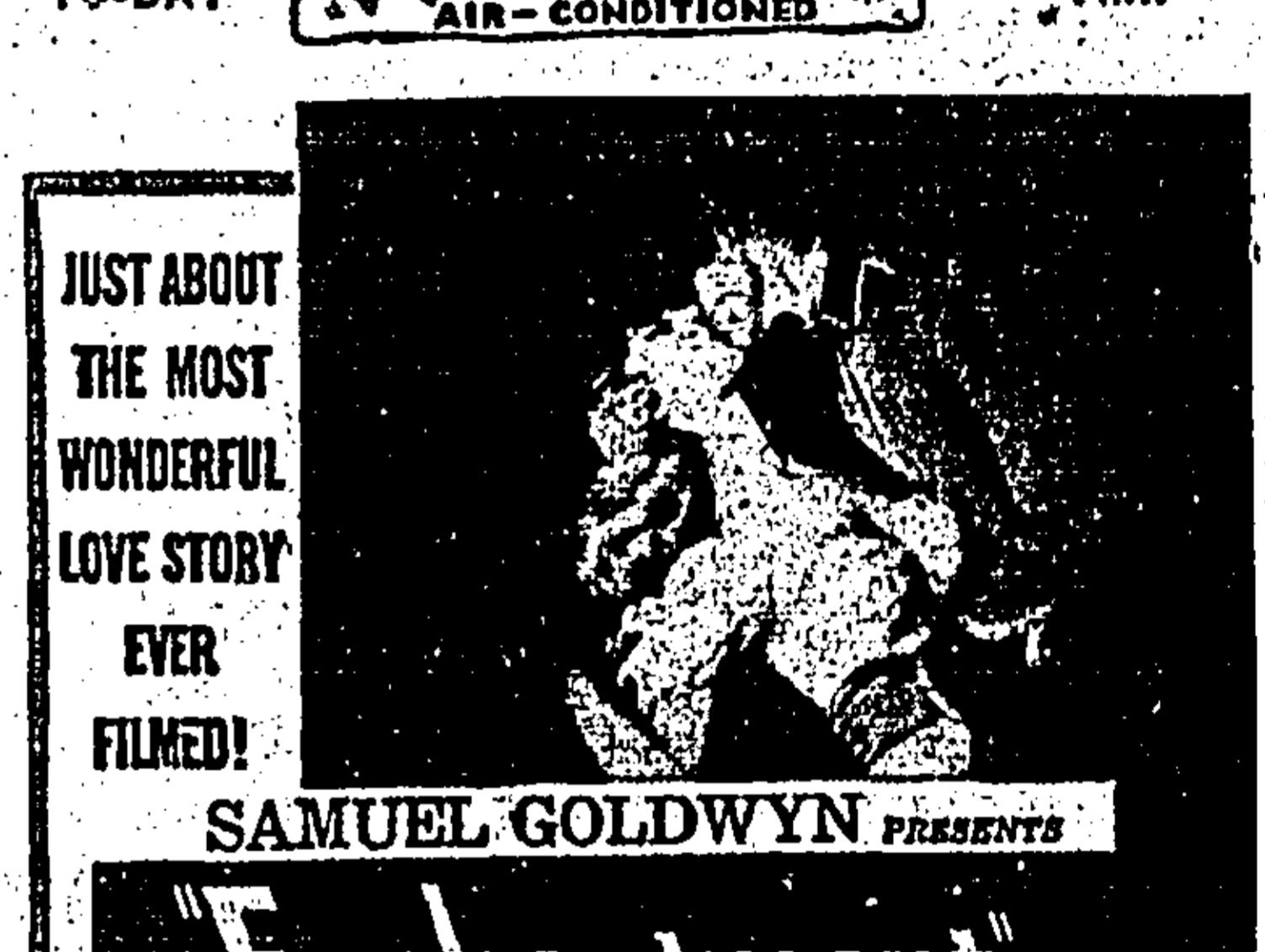
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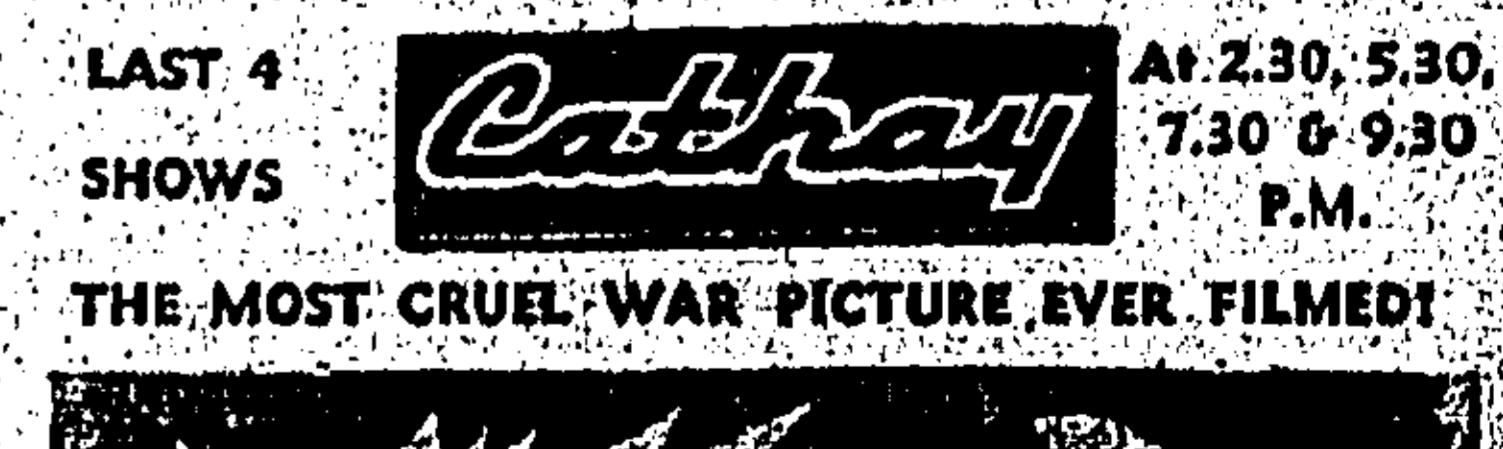
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DENIS COMPTON AND SIR DENIS' EDDIE WATTS.

—(London Express Service).

COUNTY CRICKET

NORMAN NEVER STARTLES HIS FORMER COUNTY

Dismisses Robertson, Edrich & Compton For Four Runs

London, May 25.—Norman Never, the 24-year-old London-born fast medium bowler, whom Middlesex allowed to join Glamorgan a year ago, startled his former County at Lord's today by dismissing Jack Robertson, Bill Edrich and Denis Compton in five overs at a personal cost of four runs.

Middlesex had four wickets down for 32 runs in under an hour against the County Champions, but then they fought back with great determination and made a splendid recovery to have 322 for nine on the board when stumps were drawn.

The Middlesex recovery began when George Mann (50) and Harry Sharp (68) added 72 for the fifth wicket and continued with a sixth wicket partnership of 112 between Sharp and Alex Thompson (89).

The best batting performance of the day came from Surrey's all-rounder, Harry Squires. Although not his highest innings, Squires played one of the best innings of his fine career in making 210. He did not give a chance in his stay of four hours 40 minutes. His cover drives were superb and he hit three sixes and 23 fours.

Excellent bowling and steady batting put Yorkshire in a strong position against Essex at Leeds.

Another notable bowling success by the 18-year-old colt, Brian Close, marked the Essex innings. Chiefly by off spin attack round the wicket, he claimed five wickets for 58 and brought his tally in the five matches since he came into the side to 27 wickets at a cost of about 21 runs apiece.

Oxford Do Well Against New Zealanders

Oxford, May 25.—Oxford University fared well on the first day of their three-day cricket match against the New Zealand touring team here today. They scored 247 runs and by the close of play had taken three New Zealand first innings wickets for 67 runs.

Oxford's total was chiefly due to some fine batting by Hofmeyr, who scored 95 not out, and C. Winn, who made 58.

Hofmeyr would have reached his century against the tourists had not a fine spell of bowling by the right-arm off-spinner, Rabone, who in three overs took four wickets for 13, finished off the Oxford innings.

Altogether he took five for 60.

The New Zealanders had a few shocks when they opened their innings, for the first three wickets fell at four, 10 and 41.

THE SCOREBOARD

The close of play scoreboard read:

OXFORD			
1st innings	b Cave	5	
Booby b Cave		5	
Hofmeyr not out		95	
Winn c Scott b Rabone		58	
Van Rynievd b Hayes		10	
Car b Cave		34	
Kardar b Smith		0	
Whitcombe b Rabone		0	
Wiley b Rabone		0	
Law b Rabone		0	
Chester b Rabone		0	
Wright b Hayes		4	
Extras		15	
		247	
Bowling	O. M. R. W.		
Hayes	105.6.44		
Cave	20.5.40		
Ried	0.2.7		
Burt	24.5.63		
Rabone	23.7.00		
Donnelly	2.0.10		
Smith	2.0.3		
Extras	0.0.1		

NEW ZEALAND			
1st innings	b Cave	5	
Scott c Van Rynievd b		1	
Chester b		1	
Hadice b Whiteman		1	
Ried b Rabone		1	
Wallace not out		0	
Smith not out		0	
Extras		0	
		0	

BRITISH GAMES			
23	An attractive programme of amateur athletics has been arranged for the British Games meeting which takes place in London on June 6. A team of eight picked United States champions will participate, and Belgium, Holland, France and Sweden are sending representatives. Italy, too, may take part.		
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27			

—Reuter

Mister Conquest



GOLF

Frank Stranahan Feels He Is Better This Year

Frank Stranahan, 27-year-old holder of the British amateur golf title, flew into London from the United States, but there was no trophy in his baggage. The cup had already been brought over by his father, who, at 62, is also playing in the championship.

Frank, who has played in many tournaments during the winter, feels he is several shots better than last year. He immediately flew to Dublin for practice on the Portmarnock championship course.

Frank wants lots of practice at Portmarnock. He has decided that shots must be saved on the greens and is again using the putter he had at Hoylake two years ago when he nearly tied for the Open, with Fred Daly.

The putter he used at Muirfield last year has been discarded. Reason: "I three-putted too often." Like Willie Turness, Frank is to play with the smaller British ball when here.

Frank's comment on his father's play: "My dad is a pretty good player. He has beaten me many times back home. A match between us would be a pretty tough fight. If I'm going to lose my title, I would rather lose it to him than to anyone else."

Americans Challenge At Portmarnock

Dublin, May 25.—America's challenge for the British Amateur Golf Championship is still very much in evidence on the Portmarnock links here as Frank Stranahan, the holder, and Willie Turness, winner two years ago, are still there.

They are the only remaining Americans, but the manner of their golf while winning the third round games today stamps them as the danger with whom joint favourites before the championship started.

For the honours of today's play went to two young Englishmen, Ronno White, who won the English championship earlier this year, and Eddie Lucas the left-hander, who is to captain Britain's Walker Cup team against America later in the season.

It was Byrnes' fifth straight victory over Tigers in a two-year span, a brilliant five-hitter in which he struck out at least once every man in the lineup except George Kell to achieve the highest total in the Major Leagues this season.

The 11th lefty from Wake, Verban plus Hank Edwards' double accounted for the others. Rollieking Reds won their third straight victory 3-2 against Phils in Cincinnati as Bud Lively won his fourth victory.

White, a 23-year-old solicitor, holed a ten yards putt on the second green for a birdie three to win what was generally recognised as classical battle which necessitated two extra holes.

It was a game worthy of the final and great pity that they had to meet in this early stage.

No fewer than 14 holes in the round were halved and each won two to be all square at the 18th.

Thereafter, in another fine half at the 19th, White putt

that putt to win at the 20th after a struggle which had lasted nearly four hours.—Reuter.

GOLF

Anglo-Irish Final At Harlech

Harlech, North Wales, May 25.—An Anglo-Irish final to the British Women's Golf Championship will be played over 86 holes on the Royal St David's course here tomorrow between Miss Bunty Stephens, the English native champion, and Mrs Val Redman, Ireland's No. 2 player.

The Irish No. 1, Miss P. Garvey, champion of her country for the past three years, was overwhelmed and beaten five and four by Miss Stephens in the semi-final this afternoon.

Mrs Redman, who jumped into the limelight as Clarrie Tierenan 13 years ago when she won the Irish title, beat Mrs Cosmo Falconer of Scotland, by three and two in her semi-final.

In the quarter-final, Mrs

Falconer beat Miss Kerr by three and two, Mrs Redman beat Mrs Kyle by one hole, Mrs Stephens beat Miss Howlett by three and two, and Miss Garvey beat Mrs Valentine by three and two.—Reuter.

FIVE CHESS FINALISTS

With L. Schurz winning his postponed match against E. M. Marchetti, there are now five finalists for this year's Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

The five, not one of whom has ever played for the Club Championship before, are: J. P. de Carvalho, L. Schurz, Ray Danenberg, P. K. Prokopy and Joseph Taus.

The first four were in the Colony Championship final last year, Schurz taking third place in that tournament, while Carvalho and Danenberg tied for fourth and fifth, and Taus sixth.

The five will make an inspection tour of Norway, France, Ireland and Scotland, and the tournament will be held in the latter in October.

Italy Wins

Mediterranean Soccer Cup

Athens, May 26.—The Italian team won the Mediterranean Friendship Cup Football Tournament yesterday by defeating Greece three goals to two.

Italy defeated all three of her opponents, Turkey, Egypt and Greece.

The inspired Greek team kept the heavily-favoured Italian team from scoring until three minutes before the end of the first half, when Alberto Gallassi, making his first appearance in the tournament, scored the first goal.

Gallassi scored again in the second half. The Greek goals were scored by Stafylides and Kinos in the second half.

The third Italian goal was scored by the captain, Giuseppe Baldini, after five minutes of the second half.—Associated Press.

Final Acceptors For The Derby

London, May 25.—Thirty-nine final acceptors were announced today for the Derby, to be run over one and a half miles, at Epsom on Saturday, June 4.

They are: The Ulster, Jai Hind, Marco Polo, Highlander, Irish Meriden, Targu, Irish Abbot, Blue Seal, Roe du Diabla, Xerxes, Norman, Swallow Tail, Boston Boy, Ytongo, Courier, Nimbus, Neopolitan Star, Willoughby, Big Wig, Happy Mick, Priory, Hindostan, Iran, Enver, Pasha, Barnes Park, Le Troubadour, Royal Forest, Galley Proof, Conservative, Peter Flower, Gedes, Bolson, Lord Drake, Amour Drake, Royal Empire, Val Drake, Mon Chateau and Brown Rover.

THE OAKS

Nineteen fillies have accepted for the Oaks, to be run over one mile and a half, at Epsom on Thursday, June 2. They are: Avila, Indian Night, Squall, Coronation, Gainsborough, Lucy, Mixed Blessing, Double Deal, Vice Versa, Merany, Musidora, Pretty Girl Susan, No Cheating, Humming Bird, Miss Alligator, Camargue, Vale of Towy, Unknown Quantity and Bedella Brown.

This year's Epsom Derby may set up a record number of runners as the final forecast stage, details of which were announced today, shows that 89 of the original 417 entries have paid £100 to accept, which is five more than the previous record field of 34 in the 1862 Derby, which was won by Caractacus.

This year's race is won £17,125 pounds, also a record for the Derby. The winner will receive £2,140, including £500 for the breeder, which is more than the French colt, My Love, last year.

The owners of the second third will receive £1,600 and £810 respectively.—Reuter.

HKCC v RLC

The following teams will represent the PRG on Saturday:

First Division "A" (Away) against HKCC at 4 p.m.:

First Division "B" (Home) against CCC at 4 p.m.:

Second Division (Home) against HKCC at 4 p.m.:

• FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS •

• MCKENNEY
ON BRIDGELays Off Twice To
Set This Contract

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

ONE thing that makes bridge popular is that a player never becomes so good that he is perfect. Sometimes a tournament player who is not classed as an expert will make a play that is missed by one who is considered tops in the country. That occurred on today's hand in the recent Vanderbilt Cup tournament of Charles S. Lochridge, Len Hazen, Harry Abeles, Morris Elias and J. Fishbein, all of New York City.

This hand occurred in one of the earlier matches and Robert Abeles of New York City, sitting North, made a play that set the contract.

Both teams reached the same contract and the ten of hearts was opened at both tables. Abeles won the trick with the ace of hearts and returned a heart, which East won with the queen. Now East laid down the

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Knarf Saw a Large House
And Hand Told Him Who Lived There

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hand, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, came to a large house with a big door and high, wide windows. They stopped for a moment to look at it. "It certainly is a big house," said Knarf. "I wonder who lives in it."

Hand, who was older than his brother, and had been to the house before, replied with a smile: "Hundreds and hundreds of people live in this house, Knarf. It's just filled with people. Lots of them are people you know, too!"

Knarf looked surprised to hear this. "Oh, who are they?"

"Well," said Hand, "there are Aladdin, and Alice and Little Red Riding Hood, and Hansel and Gretel, and Hans Brinker and Little Miss Muffet, and Old King Cole, and the Sleeping Beauty, and Cinderella, and Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

Big House

"They all live in that house," exclaimed Knarf. Hand nodded. Knarf looked at the house again. "It's a pretty big house," he said: "but I don't think it's big enough for all of them! Where do they all stay?"

Rupert & the live toys

Across

1 and 5. It makes men a rich gent. (5)
3. Sire of squeak that could be a class shave. (10)
5. Sonwood commission'd, to keep the right side. (10)
7. Cover. (10)
11. You'll usually find that the German in you is the one that is lecturing every eight years. (10)
13. (14) — enough to make the B.O.T. smile. (10)

1 and 10. sufficient to make any ball make a pointed entry. (10)
3. Turn every tuck. (10)
4. It's not this that brings the code of fair play. (7)
6. State as pain should be. (5)
8. Outer cover. (4)
12. Turn of the tide. (4)
13. Found in some sage puddings. (3)
15. Anholt in the grating. (3)
17. (14) —

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Answers

Check Your Knowledge

Answers

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I DIDN'T
GET STUNG
WHEN I
REMOVED
THE WASPS
NEST.

ON
THE
OTHER
HAND
YOU
MIGHT
HAVE!
OH,
NO—I
KEPT
THE
OTHER
HAND
IN MY
POCKET

RECORDED MUSIC
TUNEFUL FOLK-COWBOY
SONG CATCHES ON

By DAVID C. WHITNEY

ONCE in a while a folk-cowboy tune comes along and catches everybody's fancy. "There have been 'Home on the Range' and 'Cool Water,' and now comes another called 'Olders in the Sky.' Written by a forest ranger, Stan Jones, and discovered by Eden Ahbez, composer of 'Nature Boy,' the piece is exciting and catches the drama of the Old West.

However, worth noting are Diah Shore's singing of "A Wonderful Guy" (Columbia), Peggy Lee's version of "Ball and Hail" (Capitol) and Eve Young's "A Cock-Eyed Optimist" (Victor). Al Goodman and his orchestra have turned out an all-instrumental two-sided 12-inch record with selection from six of the "South Pacific" hits (Victor).

Check Your
Knowledge

1. Name the national dance of Argentina.

2. From what is cocaine obtained?

3. Name the most eastern town in North America.

4. Locate the Admiralty Islands.

5. Are ladybugs useful or harmful?

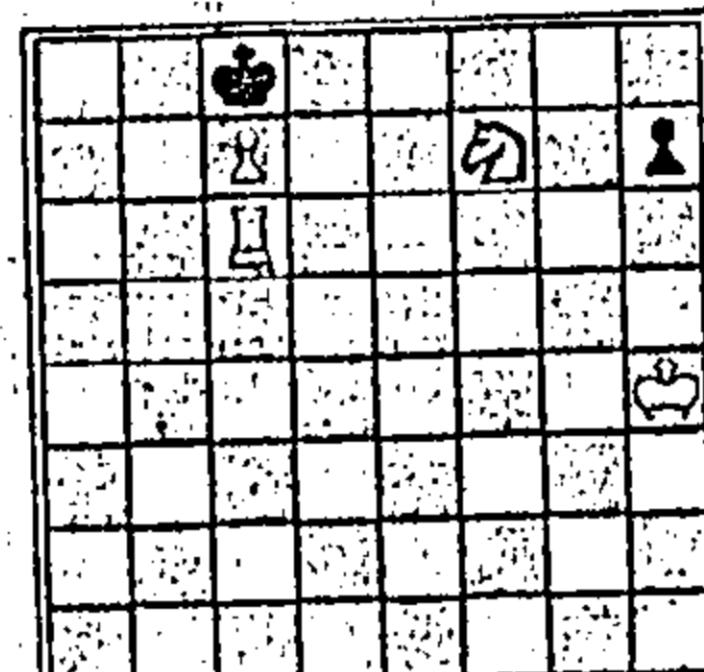
6. Where and what is Medina Hat?

(Answers in Column 1)

The first record companies to rush the number on to wax were Columbia, using Burl Ives; RCA Victor with Vaughn Monroe and M-G-M with Derry Fallington. Although Ives' voice is best, the Monroe record has a superior production, with a male chorus chanting of the legendary ghost riders.

(Tomorrow—Unusual Angles)

CHESS PROBLEM

By P. BARRON
Black, 2 pieces.

White, 4 pieces.

White to play and mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. P-K6, any; 2. Q, R, B, or K to mate.

(London Express Service).

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, MAY 26

BORN today, you have a less nature and must be continually active to be content. However, there is a practical streak in your nature which makes you turn most of your energy to some constructive good. If you can keep interested in a job you will expend exceptional energy to keep it moving. Your industry will surpass that of others; promotion will come and with them, permanent success.

You are very fond of music and probably have some talent in that direction. In fact, you may have a gift for composing. But this must be developed at an early age if it is to pay off. You may listen to the advice of others. But when it comes to acting, do as you think best. Never let yourself be篇篇 against your better judgment.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, MAY 27

GEMINI (May 22-June 22) — Deal with the "boss" in the office and ask for what you want. You might even get that if you're earning it.

CANCER (June 23-July 23) — Get a better job—or a promotion in the one you have. Romance is smiled upon once more.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — A good day to put a new idea into production. Plans previously made, should now be executed.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22) — Moderately good both at home and at the office. Take full advantage of all offers for advancement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may try out your wings today. Plans for expansion ought to work out in your favour now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22) — Impulse is not your best guide today. Think things out carefully before acting. Guard against accident.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20) — A fine day for all your projects. Take full advantage of all opportunities for advancement now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20) — Love and romance are only fair, but business is definitely good. Stick to that and you can succeed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 19) — Opportunity beckons. Don't miss out because you are unprepared. It may not come twice.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20) — A fine day for all your projects. Take full advantage of all opportunities for advancement now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 20) — Love and romance are only fair, but business is definitely good. Stick to that and you can succeed.

BY THE
WAY
by Beachcomber

THE false teeth talk announced for May 26 will not now take place until June 14.

The Suet touch

Total intake of protein is about twice that of the moment.

(Mr. John Strachey).

They said they did not

think the situation in

China would affect their

business.

The visitors, who came

to Britain for the British

Industries Fair, were

Butong Cheung, Managing

Director, and L. Mok,

Director of the Fung Lee

Cycles Ltd., Hongkong.

Their order was placed

with the Hercules Cycles

Company, Birmingham.

Reuter.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

Indian Envoy's
Appeal For
US Assistance

New York, May 25.—India's new Ambassador to the United States, Mrs. V. Pandit, today warned that the American programme for a balanced development of all peoples in the world would fail unless there was a "radical change" in the attitude of some big powers.

She was speaking to the India League of America during a dinner in her honour at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Mrs. Pandit appealed for

American capital and technical

assistance in agriculture and

industry to enable India to

raise the living standards of

her millions.

She said: "The problem of

raising the standard of living

of the masses is not, however,

the problem of India alone.

"It is the problem of more

than three-quarters of the

peoples and governments of the

world.

"The problem of world peace

is inseparable from the problem

of development of under-

developed countries. It is for

this reason that India welcomed

President Truman's Point-four

Programme as one of the most

positive contributions to the

solution of present day world

problems.

"Colonial territories can no

longer be regarded as sources

of food or material for imperial

power in order to maintain

the industrial supremacy they

had in the past.

"India will be gravely dis-

appointed if this great idea is

abandoned on the rocks of narrow

national interests or of power

politics, which so unfortunately

dominate the international scene

today."—United Press.

HONGKONG
SHARES

New York, May 25.—Number 1 contract rubber futures today closed five to 15 points lower on

contract numbering 72.

Standard futures, which close tomorrow, closed five points lower nominally.

The futures market rallied

slightly today after a weak

opening, only to fade out again

at the close. The inability of the

market to hold the rally was

disappointing to traders, who

had counted on a more sustained

technical rebound.

Disappointment over the

failure of government stockpile

buying to develop is becoming

accentuated by the prolonged

delay in granting the necessary

appropriations and fears that

economy-minded congressmen

may move to reduce the funds.

Meanwhile, factory buying in-

terest remains at a minimum,

with consumers' influenced by

domestic business recession

factors.

Observers who turned to the

bear side last week are inclined

to the view that the market may

level off here, but other quar-

ters are expecting a further de-

cline unless consumer buying in-

terest can be revived.

Prices closed as follows:

No. 1 Contract Rubber Futures

17.75 nominal

17.70 bid

17.68 nominal

17.72 traded

17.70 nominal

17.68 nominal

French Premier May Resign

Paris, May 25.—A friend of Premier Henri Queuille said (in a statement to The Associated Press) today that the head of the French government was "thinking" of resigning.

The friend said that the Premier had telephoned President Vincent Auriol and told him he was considering resigning because of the attitude taken in some quarters towards his government.

M. Queuille's cabinet has been under fire for several weeks because of a US\$250,000 deficit in the budget.

M. Queuille held a conference this morning with the Financial Minister, M. Maurice Potsche.

Several days ago M. Potsche made a statement in the National Assembly blaming state-owned railways for the present condition of the budget. He said there was a lack of central control on expenditure by the railways.

SCHUMAN'S POSITION

M. Schuman has been Premier since October 11, 1948—seven months and 14 days. He has been Premier under the Fourth Republic longer than anyone except M. Paul Ramadier, who lasted eight months and 10 days.

Strong efforts are being made by the Popular Republican Party of Foreign Minister Robert Schuman to keep the government intact until after the Big Four meetings in Paris.

"What sort of business is this to be attacking the government? M. Schuman represents while he in turn is representing France at the most momentous international meeting, since the war?" was being asked in the corridors of the National Assembly on Tuesday night.

At the same time close friends of the Premier are pleading with him to keep his resignation in his pocket and seek a compromise.

Political pressure is being put on M. Queuille from two sides. The Moderates want him to reduce government expenses by cutting costs in nationalised industry. The Socialists say they will out his cabinet if he does.—Associated Press.

Gurkhas Join Karens

Rangoon, May 25.—Burma Radio reported today that 200 Gurkhas had joined Karen insurgents at Pagan in the Salween Hills east of Pegu.

It said that the Army was well aware that the Gurkhas had been "inveigled" into joining.

The 3,000 Gurkhas in the Burma Army are of Burmese descent and most are claimed to be loyal to the Government. The Radio said that 60 Gurkhas were with a band of 400 Karens ambushed by White Band volunteers while trying to cross the Salween River eastwards into the Tenasserim strip.

The battle was still raging fiercely tonight with the volunteers receiving reinforcements, it added.

The same source reported that 200 Karens were "missing" near Tegu in the Pegu area and it claimed that Government troops had beaten off repeated attacks on the Myitnge railway bridge south of Mandalay.

Further north, the Burma Army Radio said, 60 rebels were killed and 50 captured in a three-hour battle near Meiktila on local bridges.

Government losses were put at two killed and two wounded.—Reuter.



EVERY STUDENT watched from the best viewpoints

Camera Watches The Surgeon . . . And In The Next Room . . .



CLOSE-UP, round the television screen.—London Express Service

Lab. 'Rebels' Lectured

London, May 25.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and his deputy, Mr Herbert Morrison, lectured "rebel" Labour Party members today on the need for continued unity within the Party.

—A—two—and—a—half-hour private meeting of the Parliamentary Socialist Party was called this morning on a "matter of discipline" after a revolt among back-bench members over the Ireland Bill.

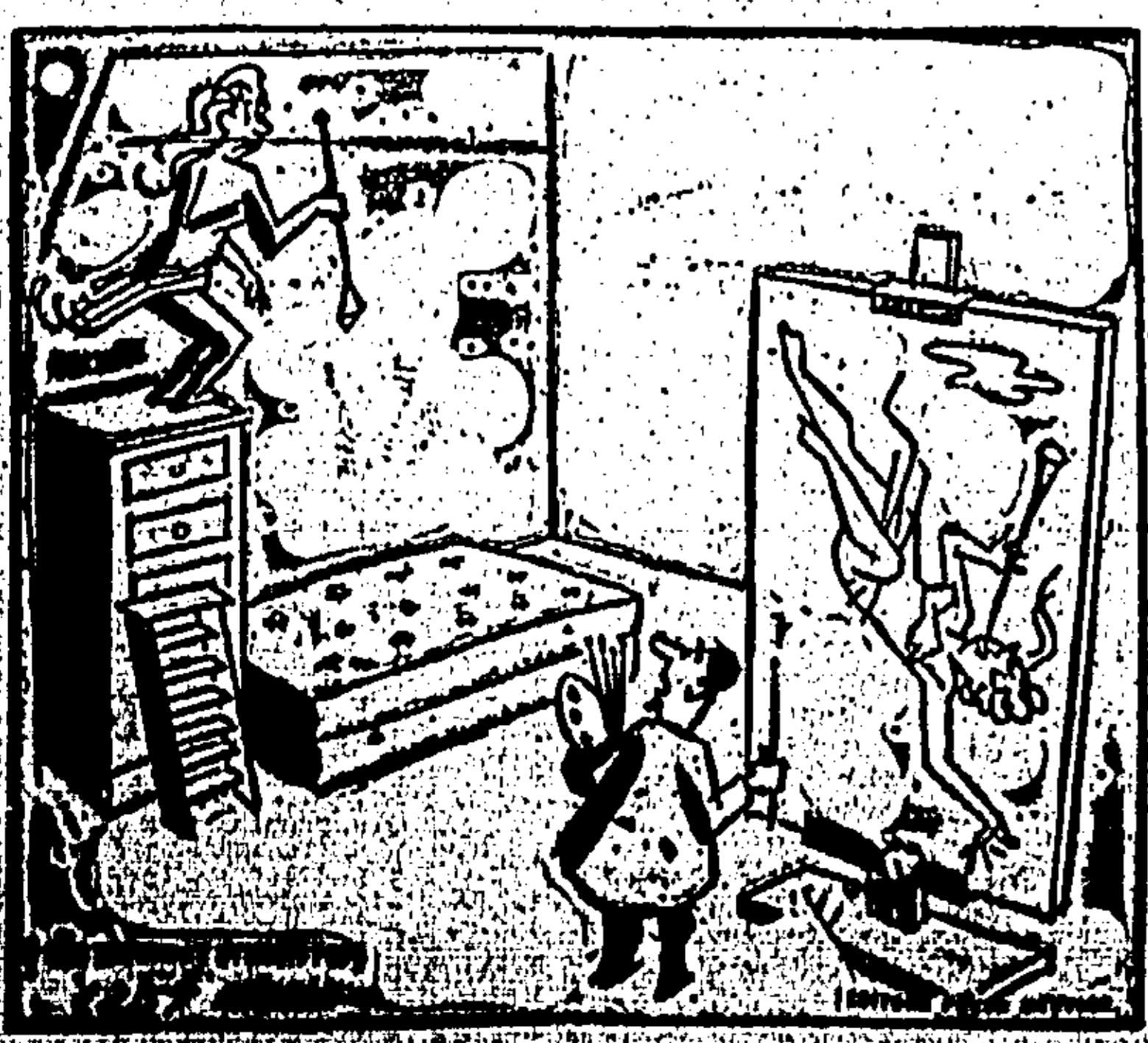
A brief press statement issued after the meeting recorded that a "general discussion" had taken place on the situation arising out of the action of some members of Parliament voting against the Government despite the issue of three-line Whips.

Mr Maurice Webb, Chairman of the Parliamentary Socialist Party presided.—Reuter.

REFUSED PERMIT

Frankfurt, May 25.—The United States Military Government has refused Max Reitmann, West German Communist leader, a travel permit to attend a Congress in Prague. The Communist Party headquarters here announced today.

Two other prominent West German Communist leaders, Hans Schirmer and Kurt Muel, had also been refused permits.—Reuter.



Mr. Tomlinson

Bombardment Of Commons Questions About Malaya

London, May 25.—Mr Thomas Reid, Labour, asked the Colonial Secretary in the House of Commons today to what extent the Malayan Chinese and Malays co-operated with the authorities there in resisting extortion, blackmail, sabotage and murder by Communist elements.

Mr. David Rees-Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, replied: "The Malays from the beginning have given the Government whole-hearted and courageous co-operation.

"As a result of singling out the Chinese for ruthless intimidation and threats of murder, the bandits are still obtaining from some of them funds and other assistance. There are, however, indications that the resistance is growing and the rate of co-operation with the authorities has considerably improved."—Reuter.

Mr Rees-Williams also answered questions on the following subjects:

WAR DAMAGE

War Damage: Mr Philip Piratin, Communist, asked how the £20 million granted to Malaya "for war damage" was to be allocated to the various claimants. What equal rights be given to Malayan claimants as to British and to private claimants as to business claimants?

Mr Rees-Williams: "The grant of £20 million, being a contribution towards a scheme of greater magnitude, will not be allocated to the various claimants. What equal rights be given to Malayan claimants as to British and to private claimants as to business claimants?"

Trade with Indonesia: Mr Walter Fletcher, Conservative, asked what representations the Colonial Secretary had received from Chambers of Commerce or other commercial bodies in Malaya or Singapore on the recent agreement for direct trade between Britain and Indonesia.

Mr Rees-Williams: "None. But I understand that the Chambers of Commerce have made certain representations to the Governor of Singapore."

Mr Fletcher: "Are you aware that the negotiations by the Board of Trade of bilateral agreements, which have trade in Singapore to a very great extent, without prior consultation with the local interests, is a very bad practice and upsets the whole local administration?"

BAD PRACTICE

Mr Rees-Williams: "I cannot accept that suggestion because the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, on May 3, told you exactly what the purpose of these conversations was. It was not in any way to interfere with the entrepot trade at Singapore."

Mr Fletcher: "Whatever the purpose may have been, the practice of not taking local people into consultation has been very bad and the result has been injurious to the local interests of all races."

Mr Rees-Williams: "I have had no evidence of that."

The Malayan Sterling Balance: Mr Rees-Williams said that Malaya's sterling balance was £115 million at the end of 1945 and £105 million at the end of 1948.

Civil Service: Mr Rees-Williams told Mr Woodrow Wyatt, Labour, that in January, 1949, there were two Malaya in Class "1B" of the Malayan Civil Service, and one in Class "1A." There were no Malays of Staff rank in the Administrative Service.

Mr. Wyatt: "Would you explain how you propose to implement our pledge to give self-government to Malaya if we do not allow the inhabitants of the country to take over some of the chief posts in the Civil Service?"

Mr Rees-Williams: "You have not given full weight to the fact that Malaya is a Federal Constitution and practically all the posts in the State Service are already staffed by Malays."

"It is, of course, our intention to bring the people of the country even more into these posts of an important nature."

DISSATISFACTION

Mr. Wyatt then asked how many Chinese in Singapore occupied posts in the Colonial Administrative Service equivalent to the Grades 1B and 1A in the Malayan Civil Service, and how many Chinese in Singapore occupied posts of any higher status.

Mr. Rees-Williams: "At the present time there are no Chinese occupying such posts."

Mr. Wyatt: "Will you take into account the very widespread dissatisfaction there is among the Chinese of Singapore that they cannot get any worthwhile post in the Civil Service?"

Mr. Rees-Williams: "I do not accept that view of the feeling in Singapore, but the creation of a Public Service Commission to facilitate the recruitment of local people has been agreed."

Mr. Rees-Williams also told

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